

The Blade's Correspondence

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

C. ARMORY STEVENS—Your high appreciation of our effort in the Paine issue gives encouragement and cheer.

W. C. DALY—The "stand-patters" on Free-thought just suits us and we wish to see everybody on the same platform. By pushing the Blade as you are doing we will soon get there.

MRS M. E. DAVIS—We console with you in the deep misfortune that has fallen upon you and we can realize your loss. In any event, while we cannot expect too much, yet, every little helps.

W. I. FOX—Thanks for your kind words. You will see that the old writers are back in harness. We want to keep them now.

H. L. HANSON—It pleases us to know that you are pleased. The Paine issue ought to be read everywhere.

KING HARDIE—Thanks for clippings and renewal.

THEOPHILUS PHILOSOPHIUS—You will doubtless, recognize one of your letters in this column, with few omissions so as to avoid what has been asked.

H. M. FISK—Our letter will explain. MSS. got lost somewhere. We fully appreciate what you say.

THOMAS JULLSON—Sample copies have been sent to names and addresses given. Thanks.

JOSEPHINE K. HENRY—We believe with you that there is much of sentiment connected with the old name and we cannot readily approve of any change. Still, it might be considered.

GEO. L. CASE—Have answered your letter in person.

OTTO THOMPSON—Clippings received. Thanks. We will probably give such information as you desire. Thanks for the inquiry and suggestion.

WILLIAM WELCH—Thanks for list of subscribers. If each subscriber would do as much our circulation would reach 30,000 in a few weeks. Think what that would mean.

A. A. SNOW—Yours received. Thanks for

compliment and for Manuscript. Will use in separate issues. Would appreciate any further efforts in the same direction.

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Don't Change The Name.

VERSAILLES, KY.—Blade is fine but I want the old name retained. I think it would be worse to change it. It has mastered the storms for over 20 years and I hope the name will not be changed.—JOSEPHINE K. HENRY.

Heart In Right Place.

ROCKDALE, TEX.—The Blade is alright in her new dress but I don't want its name changed. It seems like as if we have forgotten Mr. Moore to have anything but the Blue Grass Blade. I am trying to get some subscribers but this is such a religious hole I may fail. And times are being hard with us now. My son came home from the army last March. His father died in April, after being sick two years. After settling up doctors bills, drug bills and funeral expenses, we had very little left. And my son has not made five dollars since. There is nothing to do here, but I hope for better times soon and then I can and will do something for the Blade. My will is good if my pocket is empty.

M. E. DAVIS.

An Opinion Of The Blade.

HARVARD, ILL.—Your new form is alright. It is attractive. The style and size of print is most excellent and easy to read, especially for those whose eyes are getting dim with age, and your writers for the Blade are good. Get in Wilson, Kidder, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Cloz, and that class as often as possible. They always have something fresh and interesting. Your editorial section is stunning. I generally get into that about the first dash. Find enclosed Postoffice Order for \$1.50 and shove my tab along another lap.—W. I. FOX.

Paine Light Is Needed.

NEW YORK CITY.—The editorial dedication to Thomas Paine on page 8 is a strongly thoughtful article. I think however that had the last short paragraph been omitted that it would carry more weight where prejudice exists and Paine light is needed. While one great mind is worth more to civilization than one million without individuality, still we carry more weight in argument and defend the truth more strongly if we allow full

justice and do not deny to our opponents what is fairly debatable. While schools and lecture halls are fortunately educating higher and more than the Churches, still we must admit that so long as the ignorant and mentally weak are with us that even the restraint of mild superstition and the hollow mysteries of an imaginative creed are better to restrain and guide those classes than a rational creed which they could not understand and would misuse. I had occasion to write some thoughts on those lines. Perhaps I will sometime hunt them up and mail to you, as expressing myself more clearly than I now hurriedly write.

C. AMORY STEVENS.

Praise and Inspiration.

PITTSBURG, PA.—The Paine issue just received, which is truly a lever of mighty intelligence and should be a profound inspiration to every thinking man and woman. "Truth crushed to earth must rise again" is a true adage in the march of civilization, in unearthing of the brightest star that bedecks the emblem of our grand republic. All other heroes of the Revolution appear small when compared with the grandeur, the courage, the foresight, the intense energy and purity of purpose of Thomas Paine. He made it possible for all the other heroic names of that conflict to be enrolled in history's page. The true genius of his mind is rapidly emerging from out of the befogged atmosphere of a priest ridden people. Let the good work go on. I like the change of your paper, and with all due respect to its venerable founder, it seems to tingle with logic and eloquence hitherto unknown. All of my Blades have been given out to do second and third hand duty, always with good impression. Herewith are a few names for sample copies.

H. L. HANSON.

Can't Be Beat.

HUNTINGBURG, IND.—Suppose you got my remittance of three fifty, all O. K. Wanted to write you at the time I sent it as to what I thought of the Blade's new dress, but knew if I missed that mail, that the five new subscribers, that I was sending you, might fail to get M. Grier Kidder and Susan J. Pecks contributions.

Now then, as to what I think of the Blade's new dress. Don't believe you could have beaten the selection. Had you hunted and proposed for twenty-eight years, which seems to be about the age of the dear old Blade. But say, had you thought of it? Is this not the first tailor made suit, the Blade ever put on? With the prospect of its old "war horses" coming back, to brace its columns, I must confess, that the Blade certainly does look good to me. I might say, in conclusion, that I am still an Atheist and a Socialist, and I stand pat, on the proposition,—That all